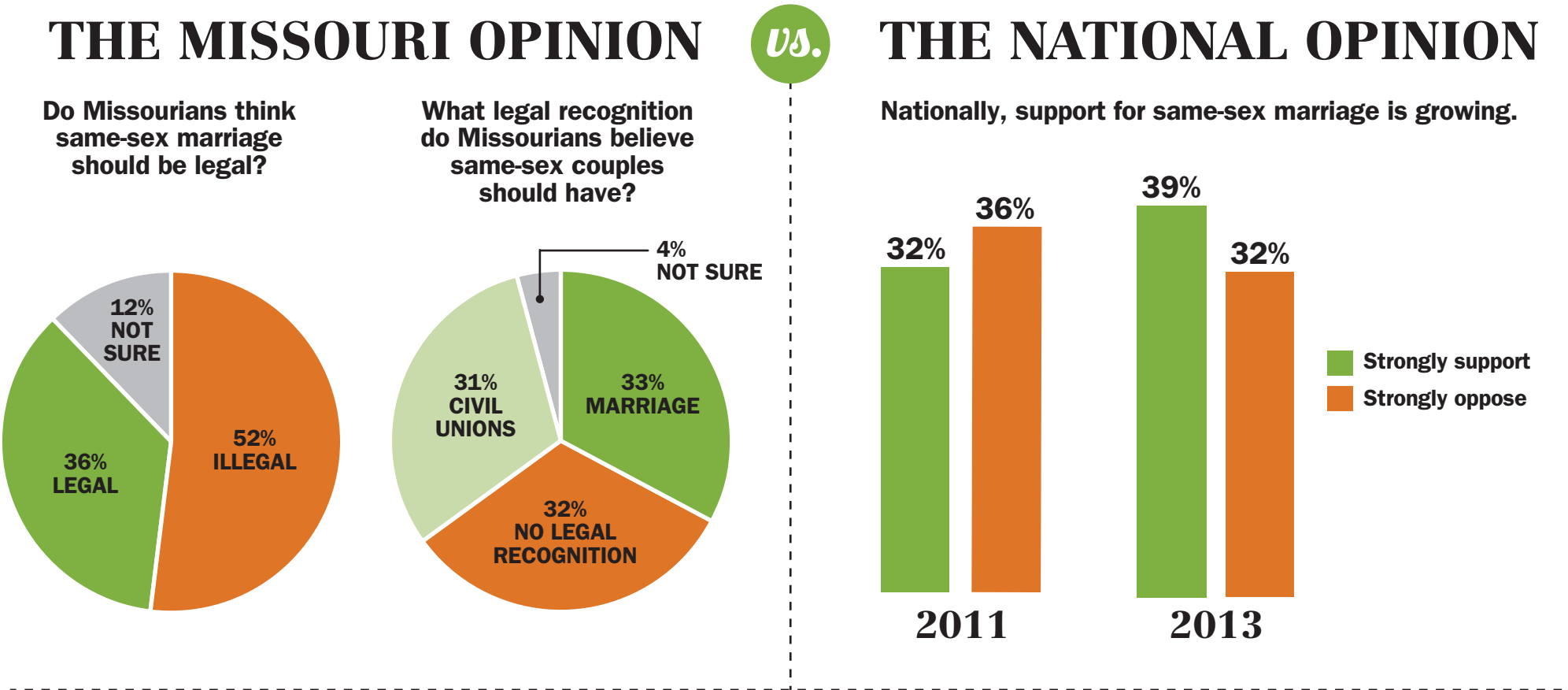


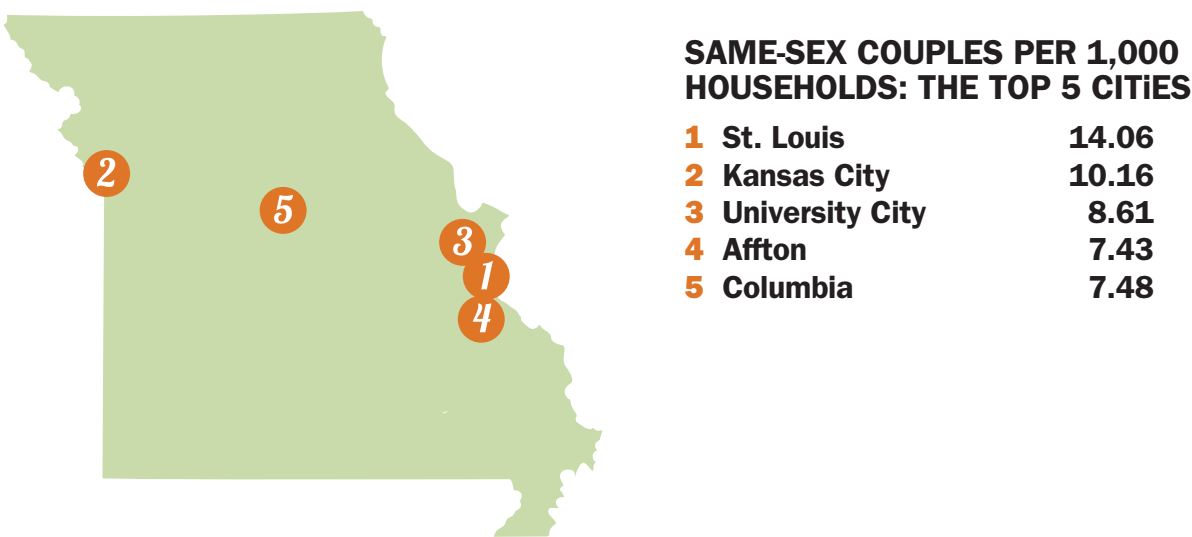
Attitudes about SAME-SEX MARRIAGE in MISSOURI

By Aug. 1, 12 states and the District of Columbia will have legalized same-sex marriage. More than 1,500 same-sex couples out of the roughly 76,111 who have been legally married in the U.S. are Missouri residents. However, the vows they took are not recognized in their home state. The following graphics provide a snapshot of Missouri’s same-sex couple population and attitudes about same-sex marriage compared with the attitudes of the country as a whole.



How many Missourians would this directly affect?

There are nearly 2,000 same-sex couples in St. Louis, according to the Williams Institute’s analysis of the 2010 Census. Statewide, there are more than 10,000 same-sex couples.



BY THE NUMBERS

The Supreme Court is expected to release rulings today in two cases involving same-sex marriage, including challenges to California’s Proposition 8 and the federal Defense of Marriage Act. While more and more states are allowing same-sex marriage, the federal government does not recognize these marriages under DOMA. DOMA defines marriage as a legal contract between a man and a woman. Partners in a same-sex marriage will not receive the federal benefits of marriage unless DOMA is declared unconstitutional.

Same-sex marriage in Missouri

August 3, 2004: Constitutional Amendment 2 is signed. This amendment excluded same-sex couples from marriage.

10,557: The number of same-sex couples in Missouri. 1,592 couples identify themselves as “husband and wife.” 8,965 couples identify themselves as having an “unmarried partner.”

58.6: The number of same-sex “unmarried couples” per 1,000 “unmarried couples” in Missouri.

